

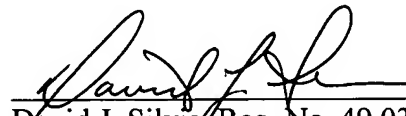
REMARKS

By this amendment, Applicant has added a Cross-Reference to Related Applications section to the specification to indicate the relationship of this application with a previously filed international application. Additionally, Applicant has amended claims 1 and 8.

Based upon the foregoing, early and favorable consideration of Claims 1-18 is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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